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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **DODGE ET AL.** )  
Serial No. **09/900,512** )  
Filed: **July 6, 2001** )  
For: **ABSORBENT COMPOSITES COMPRISING** )  
**SUPERABSORBENT MATERIALS** )

Examiner: **Pierce, J.R.**

Art Unit: **1771**

**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION**

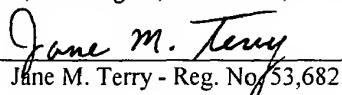
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims based on the following remarks which are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

**CERTIFICATION OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on **April 29, 2003**.

  
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